

Dear Degree or Certificate Recipient:

Congratulations on your academic achievement at Estrella Mountain Community College! This is the most exciting time of the year as students receive the degrees and certificates they have worked so hard to achieve. **This letter is your invitation to participate in the commencement ceremony.** It contains information about the ceremony, reception, announcements, diplomas and certificates, cap & gowns, and graduation photographs.

Commencement Ceremony

The 13th Annual Estrella Mountain Community College Commencement Ceremony will be held on:

Friday, May 15, 2009
10:00 am
Estrella Mountain Community College Campus
East of the Komatke Plaza Gallery.

Commencement is open to all who wish to attend. There will be no rehearsal prior to the day of commencement. **Participating graduates must check in the Montezuma Hall Southeast Patio (near the NASA Center) by 8:30 am on Friday, May 15.** This area has no place for storing items, so please leave any personal items with family and friends.

Students wishing to participate in commencement need to complete the following:

- Pay Commencement Fee – pay \$25.00 fee to Enrollment Services
- Pick Up Cap, Gown & Announcements
 - Available from Enrollment Services between April 20, 2009 to May 12, 2009
 - Students will receive five announcements with cap & gown. Extra announcements are \$0.50 each
- Complete Participation Card
 - Enclosed Participation Card or download at www.estrellamountain.edu/graduation
 - Participation Cards are due to Enrollment Services by May 12, 2009.
- Complete Graduate Survey at www.estrellamountain.edu/graduation

Reception

A reception will be held immediately following the commencement ceremony at Regions in the Komatke Building. Graduates, family and friends are invited to gather for refreshments.

Diplomas

Participation in the commencement ceremony **does not** certify graduation or completion of a certificate, since spring grade computations will not have been completed. Degree and Certificates recipients who participate in the ceremony will receive only an award cover at the ceremony. Diplomas and certificates will be available for pick up in Enrollment Services by the end of July 2009.

The commencement program will list students as distinguished graduates based upon completed courses that were used for their degree or certificate requirements.

Photographs

Professional photographers will be taking photographs of graduates and certificate recipients on Friday, May 15 2009 during the commencement ceremony. Please see the enclosed flyer from Grad Images for more information.

Phi Theta Kappa

If you are a member of EMCC's Beta Alpha Xi chapter or Phi Theta Kappa, information on ordering special graduation regalia is available online:

<http://www.ptk.org/recognitions/catalog/09/graduation>

Request for ADA Accommodations

If you or one of your guests has need for a sign language interpreter or alternative print format, please call Ramona Santiesteban at 623.935.8935 no later than May 1, 2009.

Questions

Contact Enrollment Services at 623.935.8888 or go to www.estrellamountain.edu/graduation if you have any questions about the ceremony. For questions regarding your degree or certificate completion contact 623.935.8562.

Again, congratulations on your academic achievement. Please accept our best wishes as you continue to pursue your educational and career goals.

Frank Amparo
Director, Enrollment Services